



United States District Court
for the District of Puerto Rico

Public Notice

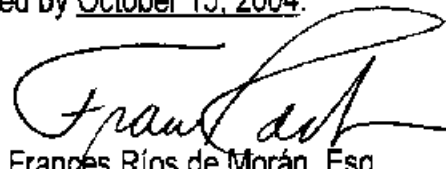
Reappointment of Incumbent Magistrate Judge Justo Arenas

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Justo Arenas at the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico is due to expire on April 19, 2005. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants, and (5) all those duties assigned in Rule 72 of the Local Rules of the Court.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judge should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to the Chief Deputy Clerk of the District, Angel A. Valencia-Aponte.

Comments must be received by October 15, 2004.


Frances Ríos de Morán, Esq.
Clerk of Court